

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §821.04, after independent Claim 16 is allowed, Applicants respectfully request examination and allowance of method Claims 24-26, which include all the limitations of independent Claim 16.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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